



MINUTES OF MEETING

BEDLINOG & TRELEWIS **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** **MEETING**

MONDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2023

PRESENT: Community Councillor R Searl (In the Chair)

Community Councillors J Beard, Brown, E Dawson, Preston and Thomas

Officers:

Ryan James, Clerk to the Council

In Attendance:

Mr Daniel Price, Llais

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
497	To Receive Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs Matthews, Frayne and Jago.
498	To Receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest	Cllr Brown declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 505 (Planning application P/19/0307) and will not take part in the discussion.
499	To Receive Representations/Questions from the Public	There were none.

500	Meeting with the Police Representative	There were no Police in attendance. The Clerk presented an email report on crime and ASB in Bedlinog and Trelewis from 09/09/2023 to 09/10/2023. Cllr Preston raised the issue of parking at Bedlinog Recreational Ground on match days. A report was made to the Police 01/10/2023 about concerns that double parking would prevent an emergency vehicle from getting into the village. A crime reference number was received, however, this incident does not appear on the Police report. Email correspondence from County Councillor Symonds advises that the Traffic Order Report is going to MTCBC Full Council on Wednesday 11th October. If approved, the double yellow lines will be scheduled. There are also conversations taking place with regards to use of the Doctor's Surgery car park. A PACT meeting will be held at Trelewis Community Centre, Friday 27th October at 5.30pm. The local Police will also be holding a hate crime awareness stall at RockUK Summit Centre on the morning of Thursday 19th October, 10am-1pm.
501	To Receive an Update from Daniel Price, Regional Director, Llais	The Chair welcomed Mr Dan Price, Regional Director of Llais to the meeting. Mr Price presented to Council about who Llais are, their Board Members, staff, and the regional structure. Councillors raised questions and were responded to by Mr Price. An offer was made for Llais to be present at the Christmas Fayre as an opportunity to provide leaflets and raise their profile with members of the community. The Chair thanked Mr Price for attending and providing the update to Councillors.
502	To Approve Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held 11 Sept 2023	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held 11 Sept 2023 be approved.
503	To Receive any Matters Arising	Item 452 – we have further evidence to pass to the County Council and this will be discussed with the Liaison Officer. Item 475 – a separate meeting will need to be held to discuss this in partnership with the County Council. Item 487 – a meeting took place between Cllr Dawson, the Clerk and the Chair of Bedlinog Allotments. Cllr Dawson presented an update report. Item 492 – A proposed date for a visit at Fir Tree Centre is being discussed that is convenient for all.

		The Macmillan Coffee morning was held Saturday 23rd September and raised £150. A second event will be arranged in Trelewis (venue TBC). Item 495 – Plans are underway for the Christmas Fayre, and we have had a great response for stalls. The Clerk will be meeting with Cllr Brown next week to finalise plans.
504	To Appoint Representatives to carry out Community Defibrillator Checks	The following Cllrs were appointed to carry out the checks on community defibs: Top Bus Stop, Bedlinog – Cllr Searle Grove Terrace, Bedlinog – Cllr Preston Stormtown – Cllr Brown Entrance to Parc Taf Bargoed – Cllr Preston Opposite Ffaldcaiach Inn – Cllr Brown Gelligaer Road – Cllr Dawson
505	To Consider Planning Applications P/23/0224 and P/19/0307	P/23/0224 – RESOLVED that there are no objections. P/19/0307 – RESOLVED that there are no objections but would like to know the reasons behind the adjustment to the plans.
506	To Receive any Community Councillor Cases	Cllr Beard expressed disappointment that a representative of the Community Council was excluded from the recent residents meeting with Social Services, following residents communicating with Community Councillors about their issues. A copy of the meeting minutes has since been supplied. Cllr Preston raised that the Bedlinog branch of St John's is closing after more than 100 years. Cllrs will arrange a meeting with the representatives of the branch to discuss future arrangements. Cllr Preston also raised that Trelewis OAP Hall has closed. The Community Council will look at holding the hub at Bedlinog Community Centre on Thursday's and arrange a minibus to transport Trelewis residents. This has been proposed to the residents that attended Trelewis and we are waiting for them to confirm numbers so that we can look at minibus cost. Cllr Preston attended the anniversary of Bethel Chapel, and requested it be noted that they celebrated their 92nd anniversary. Cllr Dawson enquired if the decision notice relating to the recently approved alcohol licence in Trelewis is available to the public. The Clerk will make enquiries. Cllr Beard declared a personal and prejudicial interest at this stage of the conversation.
507	To Receive the County Councillor's Report	An email update was received from County Councillor Symonds with information regarding parking issues at Bedlinog Recreational Ground, and an update of what was approved at the last MTCBC Full Council meeting.

		Cllr Ian Thomas advised that at the last Full Council meeting Llais attended and provided an update. MTCBC has approved a ban on 'pets for prizes' on any Council owned land. The importance of public consultation was discussed and the need for more capacity in the Council's Consultation and Engagement Team. A small increase in capacity was approved. With regard to whistleblowing arrangements within the Council, a member of the public asked a question and this was answered by the appropriate Cabinet member.
508	To Receive any Correspondence	A meeting with Groundwork Wales was held with the Clerk. The representative will be attending November Council to present and update Council on partnership working. The consultation on Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024-2025 has been shared with Cllrs. Correspondence was received from St John's Ambulance to advise that the Bedlinog Branch is closing.
509	To Approve Payments and Receipts for Period 07/09/23 to 02/10/23	RESOLVED that payments and receipts for period 07/09/23 to 02/10/23 be approved.
510	To Approve the Bank Reconciliation dated 06/09/2023	RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation dated 06/09/2023 be approved.
511	To Note the Budget Report dated 02/10/2023	RESOLVED that the budget report dated 02/10/2023 be noted.
512	To Note the Date of Next Meeting	Council noted the date of the next meeting is Monday 13th November 6.15pm. Cllr Searle sent his advanced apologies for the next meeting.
